

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

December 29th, 2019

"Our God has appeared on the earth!"

ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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Office Hrs.: Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 9a.m.- 4p.m., Friday Office will be

Regular Mass times for Area Community Parishes:

St. John Nepomuk of Lastrup - Saturdays at 8p.m. and Sundays at 10:45a.m. Holy Cross Church of Harding -Sundays at 8:45a.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 30th – JAN 5th

Monday Dec. 30

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Tuesday Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Laura Kapsner

Pierz 1:30 p.m. **Wedding** – Mackenzie Meyer & Matt Brezinka

Pierz 4:30p.m. +Regina Grittner (Adult Choir)

Wednesday Jan. 1 – New Year's Day / Solemnity of Mary

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Betty Jane Bayerl (Folk Group)

Buckman 10:00 a.m. +Don Marshik

Thursday Jan. 2

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Phil & Cora Thielen

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Pierz 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Mass

Friday Jan. 3

Pierz 8:30 a.m. +Harvey Otremba

Buckman 8:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Alice Stangl

Saturday Jan. 4

Pierz 4:30 p.m. Special Intention (Adult Choir)

Sunday Jan. 5

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Mike & Angie Dahmen (Youth/Childrens Choir)

Buckman 10:00 a.m. St. Michael's Catholic United Financial Members
And For the People of the Parishes

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 3660.00

High School \$ 22.00

Elementary \$ 23.56

Plate \$ 341.00

\$ 4046.56

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance Sun. Dec. 22nd – 406

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 4093.00

High School \$ 9.00

Elementary \$ 19.50

Plate \$ 627.00

\$ 4748.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance Dec. 21st Sat.- 204

Dec. 22nd Sun.- 284

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Dec. 23 –Jason Leeb, Dec. 24 –Janice Athman,

Dec. 25: **\$500 WINNER** –Eric Stuckmayer,

Dec. 26 –Shannon Coyle, Dec. 27 –Keith

Herold, Dec. 28 –Pat Britz (\$35 Winners).

Dec. 29 – Alex Hebler (\$75 Winner).

Confessions: Buckman – Thursday - 7:30 a.m., Pierz – Saturday - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

Adoration at the Pierz Villa on Thursdays from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

FROM THE PASTOR: I want to take the time to thank everyone that gave me a card or gift, and I hope you all enjoyed Christmas with your families.

On Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Christ. The song 12 Days of Christmas is a well-known favorite, and I would like to share with you the hidden meaning behind the song. The 12 days of Christmas is the period that, in Christian theology, marks the span between the birth of Christ and the coming of the Magi, the Three Wise Men. It begins on December 25th (Christmas) and runs through January 6th (the Epiphany). “1 *partridge in a pear tree* = The partridge in a pear tree represents Jesus, the Son of God, whose birthday we celebrate on the first day of Christmas. Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge, the only bird that will die to protect its young, 2 *Turtle Doves* = The Old and New Testaments, 3 *French Hens* = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues, 4 *Calling Birds* = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists, 5 *Golden Rings* = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the “Pentateuch,” which gives the history of man’s fall from grace, 6 *Geese A-laying* = the six days of creation, 7 *Swans A-swimming* = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments, 8 *Maids A-milking* = the eight beatitudes, 9 *Ladies Dancing* = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit, 10 *Lords A-Leaping* = the Ten Commandments, 11 *Pipers Piping* = the eleven faithful apostles, 12 *Drummers Drumming* = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle’s Creed.”

I wish everyone a very Blessed New Year! ~ Fr. Ken Popp

OFFICE HOURS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 30TH -JAN 3RD

Mon. Dec. 30th 9a.m.-4p.m., Tue. Dec. 31st 9a.m.-12p.m.,

Wed. Jan. 1st - OFFICE CLOSED, Thur. Jan. 2nd 9a.m.-4p.m.

BULLETIN NEWS, if you want information in the bulletin for the weekend of January 7th & 8th, please get the information to the office by Monday, December 30th.

LOOKING AHEAD: Fr. Ken Popp will be gone at the Priest Retreat Monday Jan. 6th through Thursday Jan 9th.

AREA NEWS:

***Parish Breakfast, Knights of Columbus-St. Joseph,** Sun. Jan. 5th serving from 8:30a.m.-Noon in Church of St. Joseph Heritage Hall. Delicious homemade breakfast! *All are welcome.*

***Soup & Sandwich Supper, St. Elizabeth-Brennyville,** Fri. Jan. 10th from 4:30-7p.m. Dessert & beverages included, free will offering. Take-outs available. All proceeds will go towards upkeep of the church. *Come and enjoy a variety of soups!*

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

WED., January 1st @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Janice Janson

Communion Minister: Alice Nordmann & Cindy Scholl

Servers: Carissa & Eden Andres

SUN., January 5th @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Karen Stangl

Communion Ministers: Kay Pappenfus & Donna Solinger

Servers: Amber Boser & Avery Gruber

January Ushers: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

CHOIR NEWS: No choir practice this week. Choir will sing on Wed. Jan. 1st at the 10:00 am New Year's Day Mass and on Sun. Jan. 5th.

Thank you to the Buckman Lions Club and Mike and Kay Winscher for helping donate the new TV for the parish center.

C M/W NEWS: We will meet on Thurs. January 16th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Center. We will discuss the quilt bingo. If you have an item for the agenda or questions please call Patty at 468-2487.

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL, membership dinner. Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020 after the 10:00a.m. Mass in the St. Michael's Parish Center.

THANK YOU! Thanks to everyone who volunteered and helped decorate St. Michael's Church last Sunday after Mass.

PAINTING PROJECT: If anyone has their pledges outstanding please mail into the office, drop off in the collection basket, or feel free to drop off your payment in the parish office. *Thank you for your generosity.*

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*School resumes on Thursday, January 2nd.

*The school carnival date has been moved from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in March. The date is Sunday, March 1st. Please mark your calendars. Raffle tickets are available for sale.

*Happy New Year. May God bless your families throughout the year and always.

ADORATION: Please join us on Wed. January 8th, 2020 from 7-8 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Center in Buckman for adoration to the Blessed Sacrament. Questions please call Patty at 468-2487. Everyone is welcome!

SUNDAY NIGHT ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP, will be studying St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. We meet in the parish office meeting room at 7 PM. The first meeting is on January 5th, 2020. All are invited. For more information, call Al Pekarek at 468-0220.

St. Rita's Church, Hillman: We are looking for pictures and memories of St. Rita's Parish for our centennial celebration next May. We're working on publishing a history of the parish and are looking for old pictures and memories to be shared. As we have been around for so long, perhaps you have attended Mass or one of our fundraisers and have an interesting story or memory to share. We would like to hear all of them. All the "do you remember this?"....or... "remember when?"... those are the stories we are looking for...pictures too! You can email it to strita@brainerd.net, Lestie Rueter at lmrueter@yahoo.com or Mel Buesseler at melnetty@littlefals.net by January 1, 2020. Original pictures will be returned.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

TUES., Dec. 31st @ 4:30 p.m.

Servers: Isabel & Allison Gross

Lector: Al Pekarek

WED., Jan. 1st @ 8:00 a.m.

Servers: Catherine Wehseler & Ashley Kimman

Lector: Leo Wehseler

SAT., Jan. 4th @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. Jan. 5th @ 8:00 a.m.

Servers: Sat. – Rachel & Kahlee Kasper

Sun. – Ellie and Tyler Fischer

Weekday Lector: – LeRoy Swanson

CHOIR NEWS:

***Youth/Children Choir** will sing at 8am on Sunday, January 5th. We will practice from 6-7 on Thursday, January 2nd. All children ages 4 and up are welcome to join us!

LECTORS FOR JANUARY:

Sat.-Tony Sauer

Sun.-Jill Kasper

COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JANUARY:

Sat.-Choir-Kerri Kasper, Marvin Kimman, Marilyn Dorn, Pat Hartmann.

Sun.-Wanda Kapsner, Jan Kimman, Marilyn Virnig.

USHERS FOR JANUARY: *Sat* – Dennis Zajac, Robbie Becker, JD Folger, & Jon Stumpf. *Sun* – Clint Kimman, James Gruber, Dan Loscheider, & Jeff Virnig

CHRISTIAN M/W NEWS:

**Our next meeting date has changed. Join us at 5:30pm for mass with a meeting to follow in the church basement on Tuesday, January 14th.

THANK YOU! We would like to extend our gratitude to Rex Nail for the last 11 years of working at St. Joseph's Church. We will miss Rex and wish him well in his next adventure. On Sunday, January 5th we will be having a celebration for Rex in the church basement after the 8 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome to come and thank Rex.

2020 Bazaar Dish towels are stamped and ready for embroidering for the 2020 Bazaar! You can pick up a set in the parish office. Thank You!

4th ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE &

GERMAN DINNER: Is scheduled for Fri. April 17, 2020 at the Pierz Ballroom. Raffle tickets will be available beginning the weekend of Dec. 14th & 15th at the parish office, after weekend Masses, and from selected local businesses. If anyone is interested in selling raffle tickets, contact the parish office at 468-6033.

ARE YOU GOING TO THE HOSPITAL IN ST. CLOUD?

If you would like a visit from Father Popp or Michael Pekar, please call the office at 468-6033 and leave us a message of when you are going to be admitted. Thank you!

From the staff at St. Joseph's and St. Michael's Church, we would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy New Year!



SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE: Do you have 1 week to spend in prayer? Please consider joining the Seven Sisters Apostolate. We have an active group at St. Josephs/St Michaels praying for Fr. Popp, and the diocese is starting a group of 21 women to pray specifically for Bishop Kettler. You would commit for a 1 yr. term, praying for 1 hr. any day of the week you choose. Call Pam Evans @ 320-492-0289.

SJ'S PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers, please call Karen at 468-6818. Thank you!

Upcoming Faith in Action Events:

Caregiver Support Group: Join us on the 3rd Wed. of every month at 2pm, First United Church in Little Falls, Fireside Room. For more info., call Angie Athman at 468-6451.

St. Joseph's Church - HEARING ASSISTANCE: If you are having difficulty hearing and understanding the spoken word during Mass, ask an usher for help connecting to our loop system. This is compatible with most modern hearing aids, simply set your hearing aid to "T coil". Don't have hearing aids? We have handheld units you may use. Hear what you've been missing!

TEC Retreats of the St. Cloud Diocese: 41 Years and over 38,000 Participants! TEC (Together Encounter Christ) is a three-day retreat for both youth (age 16+) and adults. TEC has been described as action packed, intense, life changing, affirming, relevant and unforgettable. It's an opportunity to discover more about yourself and to deepen your relationship with Christ. Central Minnesota TEC holds its retreats at its location just north of Little Falls. There are openings on the TEC retreats scheduled each month this year. For cost and registration information for this weekend and others, check out the web site at www.cmtec.org or call (320) 532-4455.